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Requirements for High Altitude U-2 Coverage of Cuba

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1. The [REDACTED] coverage is providing critical data on the status of the known offensive weapons systems in Cuba as well as other weapons systems deployed on the island. However this coverage alone cannot meet all of our critical requirements concerning the possible movement of known units or the existence of as yet unidentified units. The reason is because of the limited coverage capability [REDACTED]

2. There are 4 primary reasons for re-instituting U-2 coverage as soon as possible in an attempt to obtain the complete offensive missile picture. These involve the critical need for search coverage for which low-altitude coverage is inadequate.

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a. A 2d IRBM site in the Remedios area has [REDACTED] We have not been able to adequately search the area for this suspect 2d site.

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c. There are some clandestine reports indicating possible additional MRBM sites other than those presently identified. High altitude photography would permit search for these possible new sites. It should be noted that the last high altitude coverage was [REDACTED] and that MRBM sites can be installed in [REDACTED]

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a very short time period. High altitude coverage should provide indications of such sites if not their actual identification.

d. The need for search of all Soviet equipment parks, storage areas, and port facilities for missile-associated equipment which might be indicative of movement of offensive missile units. Such coverage would also meet an urgent requirement for an inventory of Soviet arms and equipment present on the island.

3. Recommendation: That high altitude photography of Cuba be instituted as soon as possible and continued until there is conclusive evidence that all offensive weapons systems have been removed from the island.

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